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SUBJ: EXTRADITION-SHMUEL SHAPIRO

1. EMBASSY PASSED ON DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST TO FOREIGN MINISTRY (HESS) FOR COMMENT ON ANTICIPATED DELAY IN SHAPIRO EXTRADITION CASE.
 2. DEPUTY STATE ATTORNEY IN CHARGE OF EXTRADITION MATTERS EXPRESSED OPINION THAT IN FORMAL SENSE DELAY DOES NOT PREJUDICE RIGHTS. UNDER ARTICLENINE SHAPIRO ENTITLED TO EXHAUST ALL REMEDIES TO AVOID EXTRADITION. INDICTMENT VALID FOR TEN YEARS UNDER ISRAELI LAW.
 3. DEPUTY STATE ATTORNEY HOLDS VIEW THAT IN PRACTICAL TERMS DELAY OF YEAR OR LONGER SERIOUSLY WEAKENS CASE. ON BASIS PAST EXPERIENCE, CASE REACHING TRIAL IN ISRAEL TWO YEARS AFTER INITIATION EXTRADITION PROCESS PROBABLY WILL RECEIVE LENIENT TREATMENT BY COURT. THERE WILL BE PROBLEM OF WITNESSES. IF COURT DECIDES TO PUNISH, IT WILL PROBABLY LIMIT ITSELF TO CONDITIONAL SENTENCE.
 4. IN VIEW THESE CONSIDERATIONS, GOI ASKS WHETHER DEPARTMENT CAN REQUEST SUPREME COURT TO ADVANCE HEARING WRIT OF CERTIORARI IN REASONABLE TIME FRAME WITHOUT PREJUDICING SHAPIRO'S RIGHTS UNDER US LAW. GOI BELIEVES THAT DELAY SEVERAL MONTHS WOULD NOT PREJUDICE CASE IN PRACTICAL SENSE.
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